why Atalji mentioned here that the policy decision about the Uttrakhand State has been taken and as such why there has been so much of delay implementing that decision. It is true that the resolution to this effect was passed in the U.P. Legislative Assembly not once but thrice. But he also knows that merely passing the resolution in the Assembly is not enough as per the Constitution. The State which will be divided into two parts, a part of Uttar Pradesh would be separated from it and that will become a separate state. For all that, many more things have to be given a legal shape. How will that be arranged? What will be its structure? How will the devolution of funds take place? The personnel who are working there including employees officers and others would have be divided into two parts. Procedure for that has been laid down in the Constitution. Accordingly, the bill, mention of which has been made here will be forward to the U.P. Government after drafting to ascertain their views and advice with regard to the objections or suggestions, if they have any, or to find out if they have any new amendment or not. After eliciting information about all these things, we shall introduce that bill in the House after giving it a final shape.

[Translation]

It is true that there is delay but there is not specific reasons tor it. The Cabinet will have to approve it because a new step is being taken. A new State is being created. a part of Uttar Pradesh is being separated therefore the Cabinet should take up and tackle this issue carefully. I hope that it will not take more time. But I can not prescribe any date or time, nevertheless I hope it will be done as early as possible. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' (Almora) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Uttaranchal is such a sensitive issue that. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : He has already given the reply.

...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (Berhampore) (WB) : Thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak. ...*(Interruptions)* Sir, whenever you are calling me somebody is rising. ...*(Interruptions)* What can I do? You have already called me. ...*(Interruptions)* Sir, I am in complete obedience to you. Let me start.

Sir, I offer my thanks and gratitude to you for permitting me to raise a matter of urgent public importance in relations to revival of I.D.P.L. and in relation to the improvement of indigenous drug and pharmaceutical industry. Today I.D.P.L is the premium organisation in the field of Indian indigenous drug and pharmaceutical industry. I.D.P.L. has the highest possible viability. But that is now sick today due to the mishandling of the situation by the Government of India. Thousands of workers of I.D.P.L. and thousands of workers engaged in the Indian drug and pharmaceutical industry has assembled in Delhi to demonstrate their demands and speak about their problems.

I beg to move this resolution that the Government should immediately pay its attention to the SOS demand of the I.D.P.L. workers. At the same time, the whole Indian drug and pharmaceutical industry is in danger by the aggression of the multinational corporations upon these indigenous institutions after the introduction of the policy of privatisation and globalisation. I urge upon the concerned Ministry and upon the Government to immediately interfere and look into the B.I.F.R. recommendations. The Standing Committee of the Department have already recommended drawing up a foster plan for the revival of I.D.P.L. and to raise the standard of Indian drug and pharmaceutical industry. This is my submission to you. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, please allow me for a minute. ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Unless I call someone's name,

[English]

I am sorry.

[Translation]

I have names with me. I will call one by one.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : As I have told you, I will call one by one.

...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : He wants to speak on that very issue, so let him speak.

...(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, a Committee was formed by the Government of India. That Committee has also submitted its report long back, at least three-four months back, for its revival.

But the Government has yet to take a decision in regard to the revival of such an important drug manufacturing public Sector Undertaking. It is not only a company where thousands of workers are engaged but it is a company which was in the past engaged in the manufacture of essential and life-saving drugs. As there is no production for months together, some multinational companies have come and started manufacturing. They are selling the drugs at a very higher price. Now the poor people of our country are forced to buy essential drugs at a higher price because the production in IDPL had been stopped.

Sir, I demand that the Government should take immediate decision in regard to the revival of IDPL. The report submitted by the committee should be considered by the Government and immediate decision for the revival of this important drug manufacturing public Sector undertaking should be taken by the Government. *...(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH (Balia) (Bihar): The employees of IDPL are facing starvation. Why the Government do not take a decision?

[English]

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Sir, the Government should respond to this question. *...(Interruptions).*

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : The Members are highly agitated, and rightly if I may say so because this is not a question of routine matter of sick undertaking being raised. IDPL is such an undertaking which concerns the health of the people of this country. The prices of medicines are going beyond the reach of the ordinary people. Here is a company which was doing wonderful work and which can still be revived and can save the people of tnis country. The fact is that it has become sick and has been allowed to remain sick. That means, today the pharmaceutical Industry, the drug industry is being overtaken by the multinationals. This is a very important undertaking about which we can be proud of. It is allowed to languish for a long time. I think, every section of the House will join us, that this is a matter which should be given top priority and the Government must do everything to revive this. If there is any problem in whatever steps are to be taken, let them discuss with us. We have seen the earlier Prime Minister, Health Minister and so many people. This is a matter which should not be allowed to procrastinate. Therefore, I think that this is a unanimous demand of the House that immediate action should be taken and this important industry which is also for the future of this country is revived without delay. *...(Interruptions).*

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You please sit down for a minute please let me put across my point.

...(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : The Government should respond to this issue. This is a case concerning IDPL workers. *...(Interruptions).*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please take your seat first.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : I, with folded hands, appeal through you...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You already had your say. Please sit down.

This is a very important issue. I will request the Government to take immediate action in this matter. The whole House is concerned about it.

[Translation]

If all the members speak at a time, then how their speeches will go on record. I am giving opportunity to all.

...(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN (Indore) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am raising an important issue which is related to the entire country. This incident has occurred earlier also when we imported wheat under P.L. 480, carrot-grass also came alongwith this consignment. The same thing is being repeated again. We have imported